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This popular house has been repaired since
last season, the stable and outer buildings
have been moved to the rear of the house,
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To reduce my stock of Harness I
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**Safe and
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Call on or address,
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Wanted—An Idea
Who can think
of a new idea for
some simple
method of
making money?
Write to
S. N. Buck,
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Bethel, Me.
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The County News.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS Collected by our Local
Correspondents, for the BETHEL NEWS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
You are earnestly requested to
send us the news from your locality
every week. If you get out of sta-
tionary drop us a line.
In every town we have not
already got a correspondent we
would like to make arrangements
with some person to furnish us with
items. Write us.

WEST BETHEL.
ABOUT THIS TIME.
Now does the housewife wake up dawn,
To find her plants well chilled.
Because she left them on the lawn,
Forgetting frosts e'er killed.
Dog-days ended Saturday.
Sunday was a wet, disagreeable
day.
Everybody is going to the Bethel
Fair.
Mrs. L. F. Grover is at L. D.
Grover's.
A light frost Wednesday morning
Sept. 2nd.
E. G. Wheeler has been reshingling
the roof of his house.
Jack Frost gave green things a
hard nipping Saturday morning.
Eugene Briggs came up from
Bethel Saturday night and went
back Sunday.
State election next Monday, and
it is hoped the political fever will
then cool off in Maine.

Misses Julia Gilcrease and
Emma Briggs were in Gilead
Wednesday and Thursday of last
week.
Leon Tyler has gone to butchering
again, and will sell fresh meat on
his old route twice a week.
E. B. Shaw was in Lewiston
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
and attended the State Fair.
Willie and Bennie Lapham, of
Bethel, were here two days last
week visiting their aunt, Mrs. L. D.
Grover.
The social hop in Bean's hall
Saturday evening was well attended
and was the opening dance of
the season.

EAST BETHEL.
Master Clarence Howe has re-
turned home to Chelsea, Mass.
Miss Jennie Rich of Berlin Falls,
N. H., visited relatives here last
week.
Mrs. Porter Farwell entertained
the Middle Intervale Circle last
week.
School commenced at this place
Sept. 7th, Miss Lillian Kimball
teacher.
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kimball and
Mrs. Sophia Curtis are visiting
relatives at this place.
Mr. Porter Farwell has a young
man from Scotland, who is deaf
and dumb, at work for him.
Mrs. F. B. Howe and little son
have gone to spend a few weeks
with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Howe.
Miss Rose Kimball, Miss Blanche
Bartlett and Miss Lena Young are
attending the fall term of school
at Gould's Academy.

HANOVER.
Helen Roberts has returned to
Peabody, Mass., where she is at-
tending school.
We hear that Edson Hayford
and wife are soon to move to R. J.
Virgin's farm, which they are to
carry on.
Mrs. Alger and Miss Stafford,
who have been boarding at W. B.
Russell's, returned to their home
in Massachusetts last Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Dodge
and Miss S. A. Kittredge who have
been visiting at J. B. Roberts' the
past few weeks have returned
home.
Miss Etta Howe is home this
fall. We understand she is going
to give her whole time to musical
instruction. She has had classes
at Rumford Point, Corner and East
Rumford the past year in addition
to her school work, but will now
have time to accommodate any new
pupils, wishing to take lessons on
the piano or organ. She is a fine
musician and is very successful as
a teacher.

WILSON'S MILLS.
There was quite a heavy rain
Thursday.
Orton B. Brown of Berlin, N. H.,
has been in town.
Percy Ripley has a crew at work
repairing Aziscoos Dam.
Quite a severe frost visited
many of the gardens in this vicinity
Thursday night.
J. C. and R. S. Bean have got
their engine in running order
again, and are now sawing nar-
row boards.
A large number of brush-heaps
were set on fire at dusk in F. A.
Flint's pasture, a few evenings
since. The effect was very beau-
tiful.
Mr. Kidder of Manchester, N.
H., has been in town selling eye-
glasses, and taking subscriptions
for the New England HOME-
STEAD.
George Taylor of Boston, Mass.,
is visiting his brother, Fred Taylor
of this place. His son, Albert,
who has been spending his vaca-
tion here, will return home with
him.
Mr. N. Dwight Collins of New
York gave a political lecture at the
school-house last Saturday even-
ing. Quite a number came from
the Camp at the Meadows to hear
him speak, the steamer making a
special trip down Saturday after-
noon.

SOUTH BETHEL.
Sugie Virgin is attending school
at the academy.
School began here Monday,
Maud Merrow of West Bethel,
teacher.
Mrs. J. F. Cushman has been
visiting her mother in Johnville,
P. Q.
Quite a number from this place
went to Rumford Falls to hear
Mr. Reed.
NORTH NEWRY.
Ed Stearns has shingled his shed.
Edie Thurston is visiting at the
Falls.
Frank Vail is working for F. C.
Bennett.
Mrs. Nettie Hazeltine is talking
of going to California.
Will Warren lost a valuable
sheep last Wednesday.
Mr. Holmes has got through cook-
ing for the Bear River Club.
Roger Thurston is visiting his
little brother at J. B. Littlehale's.
Mrs. F. W. Henderson has got
through in the laundry at the hotel.
A large number went to the
State Fair at Lewiston from this
town.
Mr. Johnnie Coolidge is making
many improvements on his house.
Eben Barker and wife from
Hanover are in town visiting
friends.
Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kilgore
have hired to stay at the hotel for
another year.
Hattie Littlehale who is a trained
nurse in Portland, is visiting her
sister at the hotel.
Miss Nellie Kilgore, who has been
keeping house for Lewis Bragg, is
home for a short visit.
The Thurston Bros of Errol
have just passed through town on
their return from the fair.
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Littlehale
have returned from Phillips where
they have been visiting Mrs. I's
parents.
There are only two boarders at
the hotel. Carrie Brooks will go
home Tuesday and Myra Libby
gets through work to-day.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Littlehale en-
joyed their trip to Rockland. This
was their first visit to their son
since he went into business there.
Mrs. Mary Littlehale of Andover,
was in town three weeks visiting
relatives and friends. We hope
she won't stay away three years
again.
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Paine have
gone to Boston to visit their chil-
dren and grandchildren. Fred and
Edna Bailey are doing the work and
caring for Orville Kilgore while
they are gone.
Mrs. Woodbury Kilgore, who has
been in such poor health since last
May, went to Kennebunk last
Thursday, and her many friends
hope to see her much improved on
her return home.
The schools all began Wednes-
day. Mannette Littlehale teaches
in district No. 3, Sunday River.
Hattie Harris of Bethel at the
Branch. We have not heard who
supplies the other districts.

MAGALLOWAY.
The first of Sept. 2nd.
M. C. Linnell went to Parma-
cheene, Tuesday.
Several people are intending to
go from here to the fair at Bethel
next week.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Leavitt will
visit relatives in Berlin and Bethel
the coming week.
Game is very plenty in this local-
ity this fall. Lewis Leavitt and
L. H. Wilson of Berlin recently
saw thirty-two deer in one day,
while coming down from Parma-
cheene. J. W. Clark saw two
moose the day before.

WEST PARIS.
Mr. M. S. Davis called on friends
here last Saturday.
The frost on Friday night did
considerable damage in this
vicinity.
Work began in the corn shop
last Tuesday.
Miss Nellie Houghton of Auburn
has been visiting her cousin, Miss
Nina Bryant.
Charley Brown and Edwin Mann
have gone to the Maine State
College at Orono.
Rev. Frank Durgin of Ipswich,
Mass., preached at the M. E.
Chapel last Sunday.
Rev. J. A. Bean and wife of South
Paris, called on several of their
friends here last week.
Rev. M. H. Houghton and wife
of Bradford, Pa., have been visit-
ing his sister, Mrs. G. W. Bryant.
Rev. A. K. Bryant and several
other ministerial brethren have
gone on a short trip to the White
Mountains.
Mr. Harry Hamilton who has
been visiting friends here, left last
Thursday for Everett, Mass., where
he has a good position in an
Academy.
Mrs. O. K. Yates, who has been
at the Maine General Hospital for
several weeks, returned to her
home last Monday. She has a
nurse from the Hospital who will
remain with her for the present.
Mrs. Yates is improving, and her
friends hope she will be quite well
again in time.

Suffered Eighteen Years.
Pains Dejected and Sleep Came.
Mrs. Julia A. Brown, of Covington, Tenn.,
whose husband has charge of the electric
light plant at that place, has been a great
sufferer. Her ailments, and speedy cure
are best described by herself, as follows:
"For 18 years I suffered from nervousness
and indigestion. I tried every remedy
recommended by family and friends, but
I could get no relief at all. Two years ago,
while being treated by three local phy-
sicians, Drs. Barret, Moley and Sherod, they



informed me that I had become dropsical,
and that there was little hope for me. I
then decided to try
Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve,
I was then unable to get to sleep until
well on toward daylight, and during all
this time I had a deep, heavy pain in my
left side. I was most miserable, indeed, but
I could sleep all night just as well as I ever
did. I was the only one in the family who
gave me any relief whatever. I am now
well and strong, and thank God every day
of my life for Dr. Miles' Nerve.

Dr. Miles' Nerve
Dr. Miles' Nerve is sold on positive
guarantee. It is a powerful tonic, and
all druggists sell it at 6 bottles for \$5, or
sent by mail for \$10. It is the only medicine
that Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.,
has ever sold.

EAST BUCKFIELD.
Moses Verrill is at work for D.
Duan.
Mrs. David Record is visiting a
few days at Mechanic Falls.
C. Tuttle sold one of his cows to
Benjamin Gerrish last Saturday.
Sunday quite a heavy thunder
shower, and very heavy rain all
day.
Mary Reed went to her home in
Lewiston so as to commence work
Sept. 7th.
Willie Cobb, Jr., and wife are
visiting relatives at Yarmouth for
a few days.
Willie Cobb, Jr., has bought him-
self a new wagon, whip and lap
robe of A. Warren.
Jonathan - Record of North
Weymouth, Mass., is visiting his
brother and sister.
Hattie Skillings has returned to
her home after a two weeks visit
at her uncle's, Wm. Cobb.
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Davis went
to East Livemore last Wednesday
to visit relatives, returning home
Thursday.
Solon Tuttle and wife, George
Record and several others went to
Rumford Falls on the excursion
train to hear Mr. Reed speak.
Zenas Shaw is at this writing
very low; he has not realized any-
thing for several days, or taken
nourishment of any kind.
Aug. 29th, Miss Mary F. Record,
Mrs. Mary S. Mason and Miss
Mary A. Reed all went to Mechanic
Falls to visit their aunt, Mrs. Mary
E. Tlestone.

HANOVER.
Schools began Sept. 7th.
Frank Roberts from Colorado is
visiting his mother.
A. T. Powers and wife were
in Lewiston last week.
Allen Richardson has gone to
Bangor to visit relatives.
J. W. Holt caught a ten pound
trout recently at the Lakes.
Mrs. Smith and daughter are
visiting at Mrs. Caroline Bartlett's.
J. B. Roberts, Harrison Dodge
and Bert Barker were at the Lakes
last week.
C. T. Hamlin, wife and child
from Milan, N. H., are visiting at
Mrs. L. A. Folson's.
Linnie Bragg is at home this
week, and Mrs. Richardson is
keeping house for her mother.
Harvey Powers was in town last
week. Saturday he went to Lewis-
ton, where he is attending school.
Lee Virgin met with a serious
accident last Saturday while play-
ing base-ball; the ball struck him
in his side cracking his ribs in a
bad manner.
One day recently as Charley
Saunders was out hunting for his
cows that had strayed from the
pasture, he heard a rustling in the
berry patch as he was passing
along; thinking that it was a dog,
he whistled, when to his surprise
"old bruin" reared up his head
above the bushes; but Charley
was not to be frightened by him,
so he kept on his way till he found
his cows and got them safely
home. Many boys would have
taken the shortest road home and
let the cows get there the best way
they could.

DENMARK.
We had a powerful rain Sunday.
The corn comes in slowly, and
the shop has to wait some.
Apples are very plenty. Trees
are loaded, and many have broken
under their load.
Quite a severe frost Friday night
killing a few pieces of corn, but
west of us in Fryeburg and Brown-
field it froze badly.
S. G. Davis, Esq., of Washing-
ton, D. C., came home last week,
Thursday on his annual visit and
vacation to his home and family.
Thomas Pingree, a native of
Denmark, now of Louisiana, R. I.,
recently visited his brother and
sister here, coming through on his
wheel.
Ripans Tabules cure dizziness.
Ripans Tabules assist digestion.
Ripans Tabules cure nausea.

THE RETIRED-BURGLAR.

An Experience Which Was Unexpected
and Decidedly Unpleasant.
"Looking over the stuff on the side-
board of a house I was in one night,"
said the retired burglar, "I couldn't
help thinking that if this was a fair
sample of the house I'd lost a night.
Silver plated spoons and sugar bowls fit
for nothing but to hold tea and sugar,
and spoonfuls of everything else
just the same. In the drawers, among
the plated spoons and forks, there was
a miserable little lot of thin silver
spoons and light forks, scarcely worth
carrying off, and a sovereign spoon or
two, but I sorted out these things and
laid 'em together, corded in a little pile
on the left hand side of the top of the
sideboard, handy to pick up when I was
ready. I had finished the sideboard and
picked up the spoons and was just about
to put 'em into my left hand inside coat
pocket when I heard somebody say:
'There, that'll do nicely!'
'Naturally enough, I suppose, I faced
around toward where the sound came
from, still holding the spoons in my
hand. I realized in a minute just what
it meant, and I might have thrown the
spoons at him or turned the other way
or dropped; but, to tell you the truth, I
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SOME OF THE METHODS EMPLOYED BY NATIVES OF THE TROPICS.

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If people will only profit by example they can keep cool. Just see how the other fellow, who lives where it is always hot, manages to be comfortable, and then you will have struck the key-note.

For centuries the inhabitants of the tropics have been devising ways to keep cool. Not only have the natural resources of their own countries been converted into methods of cooling schemes, but the mechanical skill of modern science has also been introduced by the fabulous wealth of rulers of these semibarbarous lands.

The natives of New Guinea, who are compelled, owing to the intense heat, to go almost naked during most of the year, have hit upon a scheme that is claimed to make life not only bearable, but highly enjoyable during the long, hot days when the broiling sun is sending down searing rays of fire.

While their plan does not tax the brains of modern science, it is, nevertheless, unique and involves the labor of an enormous army of workers. Their method is to take a broad stretch of land adjoining their large villages and convert it into a swamp. This is done by clearing the land thoroughly of all vegetation and underbrush, only the trees being left standing. By means of a network of ditches, the water from the surrounding hills is led into the cleared land, and the water is kept at a level of about 10 to 15 feet above the surface of the ground.

In some parts of India "floating villages" have been constructed with great success. The inhabitants of these villages, both men and women, live on large rafts, some of which are joined together by means of a network of ditches, and one near Macassar's inlet, or Gulf of Onin, as it is now called, numbers over 800 houses. They are all connected by ropes, with some 30 feet of water between them, and are, in fact, current, lazily floats from one shore to the other and up and down the stream, catching all the air that comes from the neighboring forests. The temperature between the land and the rafts averages 25 degrees.

In Syria the latest and most effective scheme of escaping the stifling heat has been found in the subterranean passages, of which the country has many. Large forces of Syrians have made mammoth excavations in the passages, and, deep down in the bowels of the earth, built abodes. It is very cool down there, the rocks overhead being actually cold. This is largely accounted for by their contact with the numerous subterranean waterways, which flow along under the mountains and in the rocks caused by internal volcanic action.

Down there, hundreds of feet beneath the earth's surface and in, as it were, a gigantic tomb, the Syrians pass the heated portion of the day in quiet seclusion and peaceful repose. The Chinese, although a backward and unprogressive race, have nevertheless tried many experiments for keeping cool, and think they have solved the question by their "ice dwellings." At least it is the most satisfactory method that has ever been put in operation in the Flowery Kingdom.

Taking advantage of the tremendous growth of trees in some parts of the yellow empire, the natives have built their houses, like nests, in them. They do this by splitting the large and topmost branches and fitting the foundation of these houses securely in these splits. Perched up there, a hundred feet in the air and in the direct sweep of the wind when there is any, the Celestials dream away the tedious summer days. The type of architecture is more pretentious than that displayed in the simple log cabin. The walls are decorated with ornate designs, and the interior is furnished with the most luxurious of furniture.

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THE BEAUTY OF A SHIP.

Mrs. Stove's Fascinating Description of a Vessel Under Sail.

Mrs. Stove, in "The Pearl of Orr's Island," gives this fascinating description of a ship under sail: "What is there in the beauty of the sea and of our ships that has such a fond of our falling poetry and grace as a ship? A ship is a beauty and a mystery wherever we see it. Its white wings touch the rainbow of the unknown, and its imaginative. They seem to us full of the odors of quaint, strange, foreign shores, where life, so fondly dream, moves in brighter currents than the misty, tranquil tides of every day. While that sea is bound outward, with her white breasts swelling and heaving, as if with a reaching expectancy, does not feel his own heart swell with a longing impulse to go with her to the farthest shore? Even at danger, crowded with what, amid the stir and tumult of great cities, the coming in of a ship is an event that never can lose its interest. But on these remote shores of Maine, where all is so wild and still and the blue sea lies embraced in the arms of dark, solitary forests, the sudden coming of a ship from a distant voyage is a sort of romance. Who that has stood by the blue waters of Middle bay, enraptured as it is by green slopes of farming land, interchanged here and there with heavy billows of forest trees or rocky, pine-crowned promontories, has not felt that sense of vision and solitude which is so delightful? And then what a wonder! There comes a ship from China, drifting in like a white cloud, the gallant creature flows with her hiss and foam before her! With what great free, generous splash she throws out her anchors, as if she said a cheerful 'Well done!' to the very life and spirit of summer, romantic and romantic come with her. Suggestive of sandalwood and spice breathe through the pine woods. She is an oriental queen, with hands full of mystic gifts. All her garments smell of myrrh and cassia, and of the ivory palaces, where they have made their home. Her men may have loved ships like birds and that have been found brave, rough hearts that in fatal wrecks chose rather to go down with their ocean love than to leave her in the last throes of her death agony."

JEFFERSON WAS THE MAN. In Catskill the Famous Actor Taken for the Original Old Rip.

Joseph Jefferson relates the following interesting incident: "There is a village of Catskill a Rip Van Winkle club. The society did me the honor to invite me to act the character in their town," said Mr. Jefferson. "I accepted, and when I arrived with my baggage, the president of the club, a young man named Nicholas Vedder, who claimed to be a lineal descendant of the original Old Nick. I was taking a cup of tea at the table in the hotel," continued Mr. Jefferson, "when I was attracted to a colored waiter, who was giving a graphic and detailed account of the legend of the Catskill mountains to one of the boarders who sat nearly opposite me."

"Yes, sah," said the waiter, "Rip went up into de mountains, seh' 20 years, and when he come back here in his berry town his own folks didn't know him no more. 'Why,' said his listener, 'you don't believe de story's true?' 'True? Oh course it is! Why,' pointing at me, said Jefferson, 'dat's de way de story go.'"

"When I got to the theater," said Mr. Jefferson, resuming the story, "I could scarcely get in, the crowd was so great about the door. During the scene in the last act, when Rip inquires of the drunkenest of the village, 'Is this the village of Catskill?' I altered the text and substituted the correct name, 'Is this the village of Catskill?' The people in the crowded house almost seemed to gasp with surprise."

"The name of the village seemed to bring home the scene to every man, woman and child that was looking at it. From that time on the interest was at its full height. Surely I had never seen an audience so struck with the play before."

"There was a reception held at the club after the play, and the president was so nervous that he introduced me as Washington Irving."—San Francisco Call.

Puppies and Flower Beds. We once watched the united efforts of a litter of setter puppies, the particular object being the destruction of a fine bed of geraniums, an enterprise which promised a "maximum of result" with a set off of the most delicate of flowers.

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POSTAGE-ON WEDDING CAKE.

Misarrange of an Attempt to Economize Prevents a Marriage.

"Do tell me all about Nell's wedding," said the girl in the crash suit. "Did it all go off well? And how?" "Oh, beautifully!" cried the girl in the white frock. "My dress was perfectly lovely, my gloves were ideal, and my hair kept it cool as well as it was only attending an old maid's tea party."

"How nice! But tell me about Nell. Was she?" "She was horrid. Actually wanted me to help her dress for the ceremony! As if I hadn't my bridesmaid's toilet to think of. I am afraid that dear Nell is too foolish to make a really good wife."

"Then she will naturally have an unselfish husband, dear." "Perhaps so. Oh, it was delightful to walk up the aisle feeling that every eye was fixed on me."

"Yes, I know. But tell me, how did Nell get through the ceremony?" "I really don't know. My mind was full of the one awful thought that I was standing on my head to all those people, while there was no telling but that my gown was crumpled after that long drive to the church."

"Oh, probably it was all right. Was Nell's gown?" "And wasn't it too bad that Harold was out of town and unable to see me in my lovely new dress?"

"Oh, well, you can send him a photograph." "For what, going away? But then, even an engaged man must attend to business."

It wasn't only that. It was his subsequent behavior that was the worst. He was to share some of the festivities. I sent him a box of wedding cake. You should have seen the letter I got in return."

"But perhaps it disagreed with him." "It wasn't that. You know, I thought it would be nice to write him a little note and slip it in the bottom of the cake box, so that when he had eaten it all he would have a pleasant surprise."

"Good gracious, do you mean to say that you gave the box away and never knew?" "No, I don't. The—well, the truth is that these boys are so postoffice employees actually opened the box and found the note! Oh, how I do despise such prying inquisitiveness! Not satisfied with that they—"

"Goodness, can you send you to jail for violating the postal laws?" "No, they can't. But they actually made Harold pay letter postage on the box before they would give it to him. Four square inches of wedding cake cost him \$1.50, and the post office says that it is a fraud that I am not economical enough to make a good wife for a poor man! After I had put the note in the box to save extra postage too!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

YANKEE PLUCK NEEDED.

Good Taken in Central America For American Enterprise and Wealth.

Taken as a whole, Central America offers a fair field for foreign enterprise, says The North American Review. By young men of self denying and sober habits, possessing a capital of \$5,000 and a tolerable knowledge of the Spanish language, success either in commerce, agriculture or mining may be confidently counted upon, but they must avoid all interference in local politics. In these as well as in the case of the foreigner whose character and mode of life command respect will very seldom, if ever, suffer molestation at the hands of the authorities. The Nicaragua canal, if carried out in earnest, will open up the almost inexhaustible resources of that republic, and the engineering works alone will offer lucrative employment to thousands of foreign engineers. In physical difficulties are not significant compared with those which De Lesseps never overcame on the isthmus of Panama, and perhaps the greatest obstacle to contend with is the silting of the algal deposits at the mouth of the San Juan river, the Atlantic entrance to the canal. Its whole length will be 194 English miles, 110 of which are included in the great Lake of Nicaragua, 184 feet above the sea level, whose total superficial area is 8,469 English square miles. A short cutting will connect the lake with that of Managua, 150 feet above the sea level, with a superficial area of 600 English miles, being 50 miles long and 10 miles broad, with an average depth of five fathoms.

The Oily Menace. The oily character of the menhaden is the family. It is caught for its oil, which is tried as they are taken from the fishermen use purse-nets, which are tarred to preserve them. To keep their hands from sticking to the tarred nets they rub on them a freshly caught menhaden, handling it as they do with a cake of soap. So oily is the menhaden that the simple pressure thus applied is enough to bring through the scales oil sufficient for the purpose.—New York Sun.

Good Breeding. A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill will. It is a rare quality, and it is a dignity that is respected by the most potent. Ill breeding invites and authorizes the familiarity of the most timid. No man ever said a parting thing to the Duke of Devonshire. No man ever said a civil one to Sir Robert Walpole.—Chatterbox.

The Best Detective. A Frenchman naturally thinks the Parisian detectives the best. Englishmen swear by the shrewdness of Scotland Yard men, and Americans, of course, swear by the New York detectives. After three years' residence in China (says a traveler), I do not think either of the three bodies is entitled to the credit given it. The Chinese beat them all.

They are at one time the most expert thieves and at another the most skilled detectives in the world. A Chinaman can steal your watch while you are looking at it, he can catch the man who stole it, if it happens to be some one other than himself, when a French detective could not.

I have seen evidences of detective ability among the Chinese which would startle even the best of our own. An evidence to long elude the Chinese detectives. They seem a crime and follow it to the last before civilized detectives would know of it.

The Chinese detective force is a secret body, and the best organized in the world. They have an eye upon every man, woman and child, foreign or native, in China, and in addition watch over each other.

Informers are encouraged, and collusion is impossible. The head of the Chinese police is not known, but there is one, and a very active one too. I have heard that the present head was once an ambassador to a European country, but really I do not believe that any one knows who he is. There are said to be over 60,000 men under him and his assistants who control the various districts.—Pearson's Weekly.

Some of the Practice Shooting Indulged In Blows Away a Pile of Money. The days are long past when we English sang in a free and easy way: "One jolly Englishman could kick about three."

We are ready enough now to give our possible adversaries all credit for pluck, and perhaps for technical skill, and yet, as regards the use of a weapon, we still have them at an immeasurable disadvantage. This factor is commonly omitted from newspaper comparisons, but it would probably have been taken into account in determining the issue of an actual struggle. Two duellists may have both hearts and each the best Damascus blades, but if one has ten times more practice in the use of his weapon than the other it is odds that he will win. So it is with our navy. It has a far greater knowledge of ships, acquired by actual firing practice, than any other power. And the reason of this is precisely because such knowledge is a very expensive thing to acquire, and England is the only nation that cares to afford it.

It is probable that where France, the victor in naval power, spends a million in sea training, we spend five. From every gun in our navy having a caliber of 10 inches and under there are fired each quarter eight rounds of ammunition by way of practice and from all guns having a caliber of 10 inches and under a quarter, irrespective of the additional rounds used in the annual "prize firing." The heavy expenditure involved in this item alone may be hinted at by the fact that every full round fired from a 6 inch gun costs \$16, from an 8 inch gun \$30, from a 12 inch gun \$128 and from the 15.5 inch, or 110 guns, as much as \$3,000. And these figures are for a small part of the cost of the navy. The cost of the navy is not a long one, and though a 6 inch gun can fire as many as 600 rounds, 70 or 80 full rounds are the limit of the expenditure in a single day. The navy will both require a new inner tube, costly matter enough.—Chambers' Journal.

AUF WIEDERSEHEN.

Say not "Goodbye!" The sounds have all the ring of "Auf Wiedersehen."

I cannot loose your hand with such a word. Our ways part here, and yet, O love, and yet I cannot leave you till my soul has heard the charm to bring me to your side again, the dear "Auf Wiedersehen."

Say not "Adieu." The word has hidden pain in its sound, and its meaning is sad and clear. That hushes my heart with just and hopeless pain. And pleads with duty just to linger here. Smile courage in my eyes, O love, and then, "Auf Wiedersehen!"

Say not "Farewell." If then wouldst have it the word, like a wan hand, waves us apart. I believe, my love, willings will not go—Until you whisper, lying on my heart, The golden bridge between now and then, and then, my sweet, say "Auf Wiedersehen!"—Grace Duffie Boylan in American Jewess.

JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE

Two Prominent Legal Names and Their Origin in England.

The houses of York and Lancaster began and ended with strife within a decade, Napoleon and Wellington pursued mutual carnage for only a few brief years, but two belligerents, famous in legal circles, seem to have been predestined for eternal combat and dissensions.

They are John Doe and Richard Roe. Twin brothers, creatures of the creative British legal mind, these two men of mystery have, from the statute books of judges and lawyers and have caused juries to hang in the jury room while attempting to pour oil on the troubled waters of litigation.

Under the reign of Edward III, when the patient and plodding Saxon was picking his way out of feudal gloom, a new form of legal procedure was enacted by parliament for his relief.

John Ball's love of dominion over land is not equalled by his desire to secure dominion over the high seas, and in the past, as it is now true of the present, whenever he got a hold, a lesshold, a copyhold of any kind upon a spot of earth, small as it might be, he would cling to it as though the spot was a hallowed heirloom. To possess the Englishman of his real estate wrongfully withheld from him a writ of ejectment was invented.

Hitherto his means of redress lay through a writ of right or a writ of entry—writs wrapped in a cobweb of maze and technicalities. This writ of ejectment was the mother of John Doe and Richard Roe. These two men were to be to the law as Punch and Judy are to wandering mountebanks, and under the name of one she gathered all the complaints of the plaintiff and under the name of the other all the defenses of the defendant, and thus two arms were set in legal form, while hooted with justice in wig and gown, shakes the doxbox.

Slowly the power of monarchy was broken in old England. The material of the common law was gathered up and set up housekeeping, but both in England and America these two brothers, John Doe and Richard Roe, kept up the family quarrel with fratricidal intent.—Atlanta Constitution.

Charles Reads on Bare Walls. I had the honor once to know in London Charles Read, a most remarkable and great man, as well as a great list of the higher realistic school. Read was, above all things, a practical man. He had the eye of an eagle, and no thing that needed reform escaped him. One day, when I dined with him at his house in London, his rus in urbe, as he called it, he said that he had been an examiner at a board school examination and that he had been again struck by the bareness and naivety of the average public school room. "I suppose," said I, "that it is a realization of the American idea. By giving the scholars nothing to look at but their books, their attention is supposed to be concentrated on their lessons." "Just so," he said, "but it isn't. The brain works through the eye. Those internal bare walls do not stimulate the mind. They stimulate the imagination, and that is the worst enemy a teacher has. I have seen a statement of an absolute fact which, fortunately, wise teachers are now recognizing the world over.—Collector.

How to See the Wind. Take a polished, metal surface of two feet or more and with a straight edge. A large hand saw will answer the purpose. Take a windy day on which to try the experiment, paying no attention to atmospheric conditions. Fix an experiment can be as successfully made on a clear day as it can on a cloudy one, and the results will be equally good in summer or winter. The only thing you need to look out for is that you do not attempt to "see the wind" on a rainy or murky day, as conditions are then very unfavorable. When everything is in readiness, hold the metal surface in such a position that the direction of the wind is sharply defined upon the metal surface, and you will see the wind pouring over in graceful curves, almost like water.—St. Louis Republic.

Forgot the Violets. Among the characteristics of Walter Savage Landor, the famous author, was his absentmindedness and his past love for animals and the vegetable world. On one occasion, having suffered not long before from leaving the key of his portmanteau behind him, he took special precautions before starting on a journey to see that his keys were in his pocket. When, however, he produced them in triumph at his journey's end, he found that he had left the portmanteau behind. Landor, though he often handled his fellow men somewhat roughly, hated to mistreat a rose. One morning he collared his man cook and flung him out of the window. Then, suddenly remembering on what the garden the man would find the flower, he turned back and said: "God heavens! I forgot the poor violets!"

Macaulay's Wit. Macaulay, who was in the habit of shaving himself, and badly, too, it would seem, once patronized a first class barber. After obtaining an easy shave, he turned to the tonsorial artist and inquired: "How much do I owe you?" "Whatever you have been in the habit of giving the man who shaves you," replied the barber.

"I generally give him two cents on each cheek," replied the celebrated English historian; "but you, sir, being a superior workman, deserve to fare better."—Washington Times.

An Old Pawn Ticket. An old pawn ticket which has been unearthed at Florence is creating considerable stir in the literary world. The ticket was found in a curious shop in a portfolio of drawings and old letters. It runs as follows: "I, the undersigned, herewith acknowledge the receipt of 28 lire from Signor Abraham Levi, for which he has given me as security a sword of my father, four shabes and two table covers.—March 2, 1670. Torquato Tasso."

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